

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-672**

13 January 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?**

**For example, your answer may be that your Trust does provide human milk and acquires it from: a human milk bank within your Trust; a human milk bank run outside your Trust; or a private supplier/s.**

Yes for neonatal babies at St Michelas, we use the human milk bank in Southmead hospital

**2. Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it.**

**For clarification, we are asking about those adults wishing to have human milk for personal use rather than an adult asking for infant or paediatric feeding. These patients may be seen in departments such as clinical immunology, oncology, or other such departments, not just in nutrition services.**

Not for adults

**3. a. If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?**

NICU receives milk from the Southwest Neonatal Donor Milk bank only

**3. b. If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?**

**For example, these companies may include NeoKare, NeoLacta, or Prolacta or like that provide human milk-based products. Some of the products they provide to help you include Humavant, PHBM, MMF or the like.**

Neokare have attempted to come onto the Neonatal unit to speak staff, however they were

sent away as we do not see reps from formula companies without appointment ( as per BFI/Unicef code) .

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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